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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage you and the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. Microsoft has given up a lot to be able to settle the issue. The terms of the settlement are fair and they should be accepted.

Many people think that Microsoft is getting off easy, in fact this is not so. In the terms of the settlement, Microsoft has agreed to release part of their Windows base code to their competitors. This is so their competitors can make more compatible software. Microsoft is being forced to give up their patented trade secrets. Microsoft has spent years and millions of dollars developing their products, now they have to simply hand part of them over to their competitors. In the technology industry there are companies that develop new products and companies that copy products. Not surprisingly the companies that develop new products are more successful, it is a shame that the government has chosen to harass a company simply because it is successful.

This issue has been dragged out for over three years; it is time to put an end to it. The terms of the settlement are more than fair and they should be accepted. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,

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